



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Ocean City Harbor & Inlet & Sinpuxent Bay Worcester County, MD

Type of Project: Navigation

Project Phase: Operation and Maintenance

Authorization: The project was approved by the River and Harbor Act of August 1935 and modified in 1954. The project provides for an inlet channel 10 feet deep and 200 feet wide from that depth in the Atlantic Ocean through the inlet to the channel to the Isle of Wight Bay; protected on the south side by a stone jetty with a top elevation of 8.8 feet above mean low water and a top crest of 18 feet, and protected on the north side by a stone jetty with a top elevation of 9 feet above mean low water and a top crest of 20 feet; a channel 150 feet wide and 6 feet deep from the inlet channel to the project harbor, with widths of 100 to 150 feet to the head of the harbor with two turning basins of the same depth; a channel 6 feet deep and 150 feet wide in Sinpuxent Bay from the inlet to Green Point, and thence 100 feet wide in Chincoteague Bay; and a channel 6 feet deep and 125 feet wide from the inlet channel to a point opposite North Eighth Street in Ocean City, then 75 feet wide into the Isle of Wight Bay.

Congressional Interest:

Senators: Barbara A. Mikulski (MD), Benjamin L. Cardin (MD)

Representatives: Wayne T. Gilchrest (MD-1)

Non-Federal Sponsor: Worcester County is the local sponsor and is required to provide lands, easements and rights-of-way.

Background:

Inlet Channel - This portion of the project was last dredged in 1997. Surveys conducted in 2004 indicated that the channel is at authorized depth.

Isle of Wight Channel - This portion of the project was last dredged in August 2003. Surveys conducted in 2004 indicated that the channel is at authorized depth.

Sinpuxent Bay Channel - This portion of the project was last dredged in 1972 and has shoaled to a minimum depth of 3.9 feet resulting in navigational problems for the Coast Guard and commercial shippers. Approximately 190,000 cubic yards need to be dredged to return the project to its authorized depth of 6 feet.

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Issues: Dredge pumping distance to the placement site resulted in excessive bids; therefore, a closer site must be identified. Funds will be used to identify a new site and complete the engineering and design of the maintenance dredging project.

Status: Scheduled FY06 maintenance dredging of the Sinepuxent Bay channel was cancelled due to excessive bids.

Funding: FY 2007 President's Budget \$100,000
FY 2008 \$150,000

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